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**'Pan de sal' in budget,  
regular, large, jumbo sizes**

By Abigail L. Ho

NOT ALL "PAN DE SAL" are created equal. But bakers can at least agree on how much the favorite Filipino breakfast staple should weigh and be priced accordingly.

MANILA: GUY AIT



## Palace seeks dialogue with China on Spratlys

By TJ Burgoño and Cynthia D. Balana

MALACANANG YESTERDAY SAID IT would lead a dialogue with China over the potentially explosive Spratly-island headlines bill, but would not be sidetracked from signing it.

Assistant Secretary Roper Manghin defended the bill, saying that this complied with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and the Asian-China Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea. "Considering those factors, it's in the

interest of national interest that this bill should pass into law," the spokesperson of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) told reporters in a briefing in Malacanang.

Undersecretary Anthony Gules, deputy presidential spokesperson, agreed. "The bill will be put into law," he said. Manghin maintained that the measure, which he said was crafted in a way that it took into consideration neighboring countries' concerns, did not violate China's sovereignty.

China's foreign ministry disputed on

PALACE: BUREAU



**'Smith may  
be detained  
in RP facility  
in the States'**

By Norman Boradores and Christian V. Esguerra

THE SUPREME COURT RULING on Feb. 11 rules the possibility of US Lt. Col. Daniel Smith being detained in a facility that may be under Philippine jurisdiction but is in the United States, according to Justice Secretary Judd Gonzales.

SOLICITED: AP

# Secret VFA deal bared

**'Jueteng' is  
back 24/7  
everywhere,  
says bishop**

By Christine V. Esguerra

"JUETENG" IS BACK—ALIVE and kicking—even outside Pangasinan, the home province of President Benigno Aquino, according to an evangelizing group.

Archbishop Oscar Cruz, who leads the Krossing Bayan Laban sa Jueteng, yesterday roared round-the-clock operations of the illegal numbers game to remedy the whole of Luzon and parts of the Visayas.

"I must admit that we are losing the battle," Cruz told the Inquirer. "We are losing because money talks. And what can we do? We have only our moral suasion to combat illegal gambling."

Several local executives, particularly government, are now receiving police as much as jueteng money, he said, indicating that the underground industry might have also doubled over the years.

From a monthly payroll of P3 million in P3 million, government on the take are now getting be-

JEUETENG: AP

**Swiss bank  
to bare US  
tax cheats**

BERNE, SWITZERLAND—IN the Swiss-built world of Swiss banking, the unthinkable is happening: Secrets are spilling into the open.

UBS, Switzerland's largest bank, agreed on Wednesday to divulge the names of well-heeled Americans whom US authorities suspect of using offshore accounts at the bank to evade taxes.

In a deal struck in a federal court in New York, the bank is offering to divulge the names of wealthy Americans whom US authorities suspect of using offshore accounts at the bank to evade taxes.

SWISS: AP



**HEARING IS BELIEVING** A comparison of a deal veteran repeats the question of Tina Skelly of the US Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) during the first day of the proceeding of the claims by Filipino World War II veterans for their share of the \$1.9-billion compensation package included into US President Barack Obama's economic stimulus law. (INQUIRER)



**NEVER SO MANY** The long gray line may be longer, but the Filipino veterans have given the credit, gratitude and the package of postwar benefits promised them by the Americans. They waited for 62 years. (INQUIRER)



**HAND IN THERE** Rufus Ben Juan of the US Veterans Affairs takes a picture of Ernesto Amador inside the intensive-care unit of Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Queens City as part of the identification process. (AP)



**A VETERAN** looking pale and tremor, if not younger, sits in front of the bust of Andres Bonifacio with his relatives and that of other veterans who seem to be consulting each other on how to fill up the claimants' forms fast. (AP)

**Joker says  
pact favors  
erring US  
soldier**

By Michael Lin-Uwe

SEN. JOKER ARROYO has produced a secret document that proves the one-sided nature of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) between the Philippines and the United States in the treatment of erring personnel.

"This is a well-kept secret," Arroyo yesterday said of the "complemental agreement" that he described as "part and parcel of the VFA" and constrained in implementing rules and regulations.

The 14-page document was signed by then US Ambassador to the Philippines Thomas C. Hubbard and then Foreign Secretary Domingo Sison Jr. on Oct. 9, 1998.

According to Arroyo, the VFA mandates that an American soldier who commits a crime in the

THE AP

**Alabang Boy  
gives tips on  
how to catch  
drug pushers**

By Lella B. Salaverria

GUESS WHO'S NOW GIVING out tips on how to catch drug pushers?

One of three young men arrested by anti-drug agents ended up giving advice on how the government should detain people who sell illegal substances.

Richard Bracken, responding to a lawmaker's question on

ALABANG: AP

## New dreams fire up old, ailing veterans

By Jocelyn R. Uy

IT MAY HAVE COME TOO LATE FOR OTHERS, but not for Theresita Chaves, 86, and her husband, Manuel, 89.

Their old dreams of US recognition fired up by a new American law that would compensate them for fighting with America in

World War II, they were among former guerrillas who endured a long list outside the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) yesterday to file their claims.

Barred by old age and disease, a number came strapped in wheel chairs. One was too ill to enter and remained confined in the intensive care unit of Veterans Memorial

Medical Center.

The oldest among the veterans that the Inquirer was able to talk to was aged 96. (See related story on Page A27.)

They are among the estimated 18,000 surviving Filipino veterans qualified to receive compensation under a \$1.9-billion

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- It is intended basically to address the rampant smuggling and misdeclaration of mineral ore and the non-payment of necessary taxes which has caused the loss of billions of pesos that can actually be used for our children's education and social upliftment.
- In support of local autonomy and as partners in environmental protection and natural resources management, the DENR agreed to delegate the issuance of MOEP to the Provincial Governors. This is consistent with Section 17 of the Local Government Code (RA 7160) which states that the DENR devolved functions shall be "pursuant to national policies and subject to supervision, control and review of the DENR."
- In fact, despite Section 138 of RA 7160, which limits the permitting power of the Governor only to "sand, gravel and other quarry resources," the DENR also agreed, in support of local autonomy, to administratively devolve to the Provincial Government the "enforcement of the small-scale mining law, subject to the policies, standards and guidelines of the DENR." (DENR Administrative Order 30, series of 1992).
- Thus, the issuance of DAO 2008-20 which aims to encourage responsible mining, payment of correct taxes and deter illegal export of mineral ore, is consistent with the Mining Law (RA 7942) and the Local Government Code (RA 7160).
- Given the responsibility of the DENR, we have always considered the local government units (LGUs) as important partners in environmental protection and natural resources management.
- We, therefore, urge the concerned Governors to support our efforts toward responsible mining and environmental protection.

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# Noli seeks mayors' help on housing

By Beverly T. Nolasco

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO said that since city mayors to take a more active role in the national government's housing programs so that more Filipinos could have access to housing projects administered by the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC).

In Cebu, vice-presidential HUDCC chair said that since the local government unit (LGU) heads worked closely with their constituents, they were important consultants in the government's housing programs.

Regarding the second national convention of the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCOP) in Fuku Shuang in Hong Kong, De Castro said city residents who may want to apply for HUDCC housing loans could seek assistance from their city officials.

"We HUDCC have an aside more than P50 billion to accommodate low-income families, particularly residents of urban areas, or very low income towns," he said.

He said HUDCC had launched a local-based community mortgage program where LGUs may pay the mortgage of residents who cannot afford it, with the residents repaying the LGU later.

This strategy, he said, is particularly targeted at local government employees, policemen and teachers.

HUDCC also put up a "credit line" he said to facilitate the construction of housing projects in their cities, he said.

De Castro also asked the LGU city mayors at the convention to support HUDCC housing programs.

## Life lands

"Whenever we release families, both LGUs—from the receiving community and the community they left—should be there to offer support," he said.

De Castro said HUDCC also wanted to work closely with the LGUs in the distribution of life lands for housing projects.

He said that with their knowledge of available lands in their jurisdictions, city mayors could initiate their disposition for housing projects.

De Castro has also asked the LGUs to help in the pre-determination and assessment of land prices to ensure that they were matched to every available housing unit.

"In this way, we know and know would be lost because the LGUs would assess the businesses and we could process their loans quickly," he said in his opinion.

De Castro, who has lasted at a run for the presidency in 2010, said the challenge being the money shortage that the new Chief Executive must master the support of local government officials in the use of national funding.

"That is why we need to help each other, the national government and the LGUs, to generate and realize plans, particularly in education and housing," he said in his opinion.

LCOP president-elect, Governor City Mayor Nolasco said the city mayors fully supported HUDCC's housing programs since this would help the land of LGUs, especially the cities where needed housing for poor and low-income families was very much life.

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# Panlilio: Lapid return 'too much'

By Philip C. Tubasa

MANILA, GOV. EDIE PANLILIO expressed alarm over reports that Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid was running for governor of the province again, describing it as a "test of electoral maturity" for the people of Pangasinan.

"Sabi ... gawin po (it's our turn)," Panlilio said when first asked about the prospect of Lapid's return to governor.

He said Agapangpang return would leave no doubt their conviction and decide whether they would run again for Lapid despite the alleged cases that plagued his administration.

"I think it would be a test of electoral maturity of Agapangpang ... During (Lapid's) time, the yearly collection of one year was only P5 million, P18 million. The highest was P20 million," the province-owned newspaper said. "In our first year, we collected P10 million. So, where's the money?"

Panlilio said his officials are still comparing the province's latest earnings from quarry operations, but the interest for a month was P12 million.

"It came down from P14 million, P20 million a month to P12 million but it is picking up again. Last January till was already P15 million," the province-owned publication said.

## Cases

The voter Lapid was charged in the Sandiganbayan with graft over past quarry tax collections and alleged irregularities in a local-level blue-marched government funds.

Lapid transferred his voter's registration to Ilocos, Pangasinan from Manila City on Jan. 28, in 2007, he ran for mayor of Manila against incumbent Mayor Antonio Riquelme and lost miserably.

Lapid also renewed his driver's license in the City of San Francisco.

There were heated calls that Lapid was running for governor again.

"Maybe he wants to come back to prove to himself and to the people that I was not involved of anything," Panlilio said.

"If (former President Joseph) Estrada was convicted and could still say now that he would again run (for president) if (the opposition) does not unite, what more Lito Lapid who has no conviction?" he said.

## Big spender

But the governor said Lapid would also have to make an accounting of his performance in the house, especially since he was among the "biggest spender" in 2007 with his office spending P15,100,240.15 in administrative expenses, according to the Commission on Audit.

"It is among the highest spender in the house with (Senator Ramon) 'Bong' Revilla Jr. How many times has he made?" Panlilio said.

"Nabibilang kung nga Agapangpang (the Agapangpang are embarrassed)," he added.

## 5 civilians hurt in Army-NPA clash

LIGAOBY CITY—FIVE CIVILIANS, 18 BOYS and three children, were wounded as they were caught in a clash between government soldiers and New People's Army guerrillas in Marikina City on Wednesday.

Col. Arnel Hernandez, commanding officer of the Army's 304th Infantry Brigade, said soldiers of the 21st Infantry Battalion opened the rebel holding covering in the village.

He said the rebels fired at soldiers using Red. The rebels, he said, fired a grenade launcher but hit a boy, wounding the five children—Baldemar Felisardo, 30, his sister-in-law Jocelyn Felisardo, 30, and Jocelyn's children Jose, 3, Rafaela, 2, and Dany, 4.

After the clash, villagers and village officials brought the victims to the Josefa Lopez Medical Hospital in Ligao City and the Basil Regional Training and Leadership Institute in Ligao City.

Hernandez said in a phone interview that criminal charges and cases of human rights violations were being prepared by the police and the military against the rebels.

"This is a clear violation of international humanitarian law," he said.

Hernandez said increased rebel activities were meant to pressure civilians to stop Basil province—Albay, Samar and Misamis—Boracay, Philippines and US troops in April.

Espinoza Aguilar, Inquirer Southern Luzon

## NEWS BRIEFS

### ■ BANGALAS CITY

#### Recruiter arrested

POLICE arrested an alleged illegal recruiter in Bangalag on Wednesday in an anti-recruitment operation, authorities said yesterday.

Chief Insp. Joel De Mesa said Maria Lison Aguilera, owner of Bangalag Travel and Tours on JF Laurel Street, Village 3, was arrested based on complaints filed by victims Patricia Geronimo, Melissa Geronimo, Grety Verano and Paula Cuba-Vidales in Feb. 8.

SPO1 Geronimo said the four paid Aguilera for jobs that were supposed to materialize before 2008 ended.

Geronimo paid P215,000; Geronimo, P202,000; Verano, P220,000; and Vidales, P140,000.

Aguilera was caught involving P10,000 in marked money from Bangalag in her office. The money was supposedly for Aguilera to release Geronimo's work documents, passport and visa. **March Erika Lucena, Inquirer Southern Luzon**

#### Teacher sued

THE MAMLP of a 10-year-old boy sues a public school teacher for allegedly slapping the boy for a minor offense.

Clara Davis the boy's grandfather and Chelene Rose, the boy's mother, filed charges of actual physical injuries against teacher Segundo Cutler.

Cutler could not be reached for comment on the case.

The claim alleged that Cutler slapped the boy, with grade at the Bangalag City South Elementary School with a book on the left ear after the boy laughed at a classmate being played at the school as people passed in and out of their rooms for lunch break.

The boy had once refused to return to school.

In a statement submitted to the subcommittee, Cutler apologized for her behavior but said she slapped the boy to teach him a lesson. **March Erika Lucena, Inquirer Southern Luzon**

### ■ LACENA CITY

#### Soldier gets top award

A SOLDIER got awards from the Annual Forces Southern Luzon Command (Subcom) in a ceremony held Tuesday inside the military headquarters in Camp Mabini here.

Gen. Alexander Ilano, AFP chief of staff, awarded the Gold Cross Medal to Pfc Arnel Tamin, of the Army's 12th Infantry Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, in recognition that coincided with the inauguration of the Subcom's new purpose-oriented court.

An Army report said Tamin, a member of the Special Intelligence Platoon, on May 18 last year maintained ground New People's Army rebels while under heavy fire and provided cover for his comrades during a clash in Pangasinan, Camarines Sur.

The veteran squad leader was killed in the clash and soldiers recovered three firearms rifles, two rifle grenades and communications equipment from the rebels.

Col. Tomas Flores, commander of the Army's 12th Infantry Brigade, was bestowed the "Award to Excellence" medal for supervising the AFP 16th Infantry Brigade in southern Luzon that saved an estimated 1,000 civilians during the typhoon-stricken Philippines in December. **July 1. March E. Inquirer Southern Luzon**

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#### Probe of rights cases

THE HOUSE of Representatives will start a series of public hearings on March 1 on cases of human rights abuses allegedly committed by government and military officials in Northern Luzon, according to activist groups here.

Gen. Longel, chief of Conflicts Peoples Alliance (CPA), said one of the cases the House committee on human rights will look into is the disappearance of militant activist Arnel Salan, who was abducted by armed men on Sept. 17 and never seen since.

In October last year, the CPA and the Bataw family urged Congress to investigate the abduction and disappearance.

"The inquiry is a positive step," Longel said.

"We are taking all kinds of steps to bring wide public attention, awareness and understanding to these cases so there would be a public clamor on human rights in general." **Bea A. C. Inquirer Southern Luzon**

**VISA SIMPLE**  
Marcelino Libano,  
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of Immigration,  
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# Russian IM shocks Wesley POC: Solve cycling, billiards rows now

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By Jim Marston  
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# Luisita stuns Canlubang with huge 18-point lead

By Brenda A. Canales, Sports Features Editor  
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LANCE PELLERINO releases the gallery after an awe-inspiring slam.

# Feliciano wows 'em in Clark tire-burner

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**Four ready to step in if Martinez is removed**  
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## PSA fetes sports heroes tonight

**By Cecille Tugue**  
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## Donaire, Viloria headline double world title clash

**By Brenda Pineda, Contributor**  
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Jose Donaire and Juan Manuel Marquez headline a double world title clash on Feb. 28. Donaire, who is expected to be removed from the position during the PTV congress on Feb. 28, is looking for a replacement for Martinez, who is expected to be removed from the position during the PTV congress on Feb. 28.

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Court junks ecogroup bid to stop dump construction in San Mateo

By Beverly T. Martinez

THE SAN MATEO REGIONAL Trial Court has denied the motion filed by the Ecological Peace Coalition of the Philippines (Ecopac) to stop the construction of a new dump in the municipality.

In a decision dated July 18, Judge Manuel B. Sano of the San Mateo RTC Branch 75 rejected the environmental group's petition for the issuance of a temporary restraining order against the San Mateo Area, Judge Laurel B. Developer Corp. (SMAED), the project contractor.

Sano said the court found "no compelling urgent reason" to

temporarily stop the ongoing construction of the 35-hectare sanitary landfill in Barangay Pinaon, San Mateo, while the court filed by Ecopac against SMAED is being heard.

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**RESTING PLACE**  
A person is seen in a vehicle parked in the vicinity of the Manila City Hall. The person is wearing a uniform and a cap. The background is dark and indistinct.

QC gov't urged to slap tax on e-casino software supplier

By Julie M. Aurelio

A COUNCILOR HAS ASKED THE QUEZON CITY government to exercise its right to impose an additional tax on a private company supplying software to online gaming operators in the city.

In a speech before the city council earlier this month, Councilor Antonio Llanes said the city government taxes only the 20 percent net commission of operators, leaving the 72 percent gross rate of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (PAGCOR) and Playtech uncollected.

Llanes is a private company contracted by PAGCOR to install and maintain the computer software in casino venues.

Llanes said a resolution passed by the city government requires operators of online gaming centers to install a franchise fee representing 2 percent of their purely gross revenue.

"Playtech being a private corporation is liable to pay the 2 percent tax imposed by the city government. It wanted to avoid a proprietary franchise with a government entity (PAGCOR)," the councilor said.

He added that Playtech, which also installed the software in e-casino operators, cannot claim to be exempted from the payment of the tax.

In a separate interview, councilor Llanes said that the city government has not yet imposed the 2 percent tax on Playtech.

"We support the act of imposing that tax on Playtech," he said.

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2 men sentenced to life for death of ex-gov't lawyer

By Julie M. Aurelio

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Young guard runs amuck after breakup with GF, then kills self

By Jennifer M. Aurelio

A SECURITY GUARD ran amuck the other night after breaking up with his girlfriend, going on a shooting spree and firing a neighbor to the ground before shooting himself.

Police identified the guard as Richard Alonzo, 23, of Pinaric Street, NDC Compound, San Mateo, Manila.

Alonzo was reported to neighbors' calls for assistance and they found Alonzo in the living room of his home with a bullet wound on his head at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

His injured neighbor, Dexter Alonzo, was reportedly still undergoing treatment at the City of San Mateo.

Alonzo's 18-year-old daughter, Jenny, said that before the incident, Alonzo had been with his girlfriend who had broken up with him.

Alonzo, Alonzo said, was sitting in his 36 cubic meter van when he shot himself.

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Figures that matter in our nation's life

### Toyota tops passenger car sales (2008)

Toyota Motor Philippines sold 18,320 passenger cars in 2008, making up 47.2 percent of total passenger car sales for the year. Honda came second with 17,088 units sold, and Hyundai came third with 14,655 units sold.



Source: CARMPI, 2009  
Auto Passenger Inquiry Research



## STOCK MARKET

### Shares close 0.4% higher

SHARE PRICES YESTERDAY CLOSED 0.4 PERCENT HIGHER AS investors collectively probed hospitals after a four-day slide, and a rout.

The composite index ended 1.30 points at 1,889.86 while the all-share index gained 0.3 percent to 1,258.81.

Business designers 42 to 41 while 40-managers were unchanged.

# Growth in remittances seen slowing down to 3% this year

## Adverse impact of job losses, wage cuts

By **Michelle K. Nolas**

CITICORP SAID IT WAS EXPECTING FOREIGN exchange remittances sent to the Philippines to grow by only 3 percent this year because of the adverse impact of job losses and wage cuts overseas.

In 2008, remittance receipts from the United States increased to \$2.4 billion, up 15.7 percent year-over-year, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

The Citicorp, a global financial institution, said it would be difficult to maintain such growth in remittances this year because of the global economic turmoil.

It added that while the labor force growth in remittances stood at a double-digit level in 2008,

the year-over-year growth of only 3.8 percent in December to \$1.4 billion already indicated that the 2009 growth would be slower.

"It's not just increased growth but the decline in job deployment overseas that could hit remittance earnings," he said. "We see some potential negative rate of rise with the increasing risk globally on the back of the US job cuts. Decline in oil prices which depresses Middle East growth prospects, and global

trade collapse in Asia," Citicorp said in its latest publication on the Philippines and other emerging markets.

Observing that Citicorp and other banks receiving remittances in the United States and the advanced economies in Europe, the global financial industry also had the possibility of exposure to Asian markets, which partly depended on the risk countries for their export demand.

But Citicorp, however, would also have not relied on Western countries but in Asia as well, this added.

The Philippine government, however, is not in a position. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said.

# Barclays putting up operations in RP

By **Oliver C. Dondos**

BARCLAYS FINANCIAL GROUP has set up shop in the Philippines, initially focusing on the consumer banking business, in line with its strategy to expand in the Asia-Pacific region.

Overseas chair Marito Aguirre, who is visiting the country for the first time, also announced yesterday that the Philippines was among the 15 countries

chosen to benefit from a global community investment partnership with United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), which aims to provide young people with access to education, vocational training and support opportunities for entrepreneurship. The office would also be based in Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Legaspi, Zamboanga, Davao, Iloilo, Baguio, and Cebu.

In the Philippines, the pro-

gram aims to help 40,000 low-income people in low-growth economies in South and Central America and the Caribbean.

Barclays is active in investment banking, asset management, wealth management as well as retail banking in Asia. Over the years, the bank has moved from being a US-based bank to be a global player, now growing half of its business outside its home base. Recently it acquired

more business in the Philippines," Aguirre said in a press briefing.

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## Recession, volatile fuel costs hit PAL

By Gaudin L. Lanes

THE COUNTRY'S FLAG CARRIER, PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL), joined the ranks of other international airlines that were hit by the ongoing worldwide recession and highly volatile fuel prices during the second half of 2008.

Based on financial statements submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) yesterday, PAL reported a loss of \$212.86 million for the period October to December 2008, which represents the third quarter of its fourth fiscal year.

The figure includes start and month-to-month losses from its bad hedging accounts. As part of risk management policies, PAL, along with other airlines around the world, entered into contracts that locked in the price of a portion of their future fuel requirements to insulate them from price increases. These airlines later found out that prices fell sharply due to the global economic downturn.

In spite of the worldwide recession, PAL remains the third largest passenger by 35 percent to \$405.56 million. Passenger demand remained lower as PAL carried 2.34 million passengers during the same period—34 percent higher than previous year's figures. Passenger load factor stood at 74 percent with the combined percentage of occupancy for carriers and load factors.

For the first time recorded in its fiscal year, PAL carried a total of 3.5 million passengers, a 16 percent jump over the same period the previous year.

PAL's total expenses for the quarter rose by 58 percent from last year to \$396.46 million. Fuel continued to be the company's top operating expense. Last PAL succeeded in keeping fuel expenses in check.

In a statement, PAL said it expects lower fuel costs in 2009 as it takes advantage of lower fuel prices in the world market.

While the company's efforts of management and employees to cut costs and improve operating margins, PAL expects to turnaround its financial performance and post income for the period January to March 2009, the last quarter of its current fiscal year which ends March 31.

## Firms shopping around for prospects

### Banks to provision for 'bad news'

By Michelle V. Rivas

RECENTLY, THAT 2008 news on negative publicity has meant more than a bank's rating. The foreign branch of Philippine Bank of Communications (PBC) is set to require banks to put up adequate capital provisioning for so-called "reputation risk."

Under the recent regulatory news, banks are required to maintain a certain amount of capital to cover risks related to their credit exposure, market and credit risk.

However, the BSP said that recent regulations do not cover reputational types of risk such as the one arising from bad publicity.

Adding that banks, among top-down to the BSP's perspective and examination report, and risk rating from banks against a bank's creditworthiness are financial results. This is be-

cause that is not only for deposits but also cash money over the bank anything but about the concerned bank.

The BSP, he said, banks would also be required to pay up sufficient capital to cover for reputation and other non-financial types of risk.

Kanaka, however, said it would be up to the banks to determine on their own how much capital they should retain to cover for non-financial types of risk. The amount of capital would be determined based on each bank's assessment of the level of risk it is exposed to.

The BSP report issued Circular No. 837 last August required commercial and consumer banks to undergo an "Annual Capital Adequacy Assessment Process" (ACAP).

Under the circular, banks must determine on their own the levels of risk they are exposed to. They must then submit an annual plan to the BSP and determine all the levels of risk related to the plan.

## Investors seeking leads, mining body says

By Rics T. Ochoyoko

FOREIGN INVESTORS ARE taking advantage of the global financial hit to scout for mining prospects in the Philippines, an official of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) said Thursday.

Active companies, entrepreneurs, suppliers and contractors from Australia, China, Korea and Japan have been visiting the country seeking investment leads, MGB Deputy director Rics T. Ochoyoko said in an interview.

He said that a delegation from the Japan Mining Engineering Center, a component of government and industry cooperation, was brought on a mining prospect last week.

Earlier this week, a delegation of mining companies and suppliers organized by the Australian Trade Commission (Australia), the Australian government's trade and investment body, spent agency also started scouting for investments.

"Previously, mining, with our own 30-40 percent increase in the EITI (Expenditure on Trade and In-

vestment) and in the mining sector will, Korea is moving to Indonesia," he said.

"We just a few years ago, it is shown that they are interested in doing the same steps while there is a financial hit. Investors are still active, they have been seen in 12 years before a project can go into production," Domingo said.

Domingo said the activities indicate that companies have better stock of global financial situation or are more comfortable with their situation now than in the past. It is not that bad in terms of investment in mining, he added.

"Industry people say the global financial situation may start improving after a year or two. By the time the market starts to pick up, investors that have been there for a long time are ready to go back to work," Domingo said.

He added that MGB is in contact with the BSP and the Department of Finance and the Department of Trade and Industry to coordinate the mining sector's recovery.

As for CommodityGold, Domingo said the company may also be looking for investment leads.

The company has said it is investing in \$600 million to \$1 billion investment in the mining to 2009 but has not made final decision.

The Chamber of Mines of the Philippines, meanwhile, maintains more than \$1 billion in investment in the mining sector. The Chamber also says several deals in the second half.

## ODA funding use remains 'inefficient,' Neda says

By Rensel K. Domingo

ONE OUT OF EVERY FIVE PROJECTS funded with official development assistance (ODA) disbursed last year had a planned budget, but only 10 percent of projects and budgets, as well as changes in the project details.

According to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), more ODA-funded projects suffered delayed payment and processing of an-

imals or adequate preparation or lack of adequate processing of contracts.

Other projects had delayed release of funds, avoidance of capital due to cost increase and delayed completion of construction.

Still other had start-up problems, slow construction, modification of design, delayed availability of project equipment materials, changes in key management officials, poor performance of the economic, limited techni-

cal capability of implementing local government units, security issues, failure of funding and non-implementation of the project.

Some of these project-related factors include: Bureaus of Development, Planning, and Investment, Philippine Development Project, Integrated Com-

modity Development Project, 120 Urban Poor Settlement Project and the Integrated Urban and Rural Development Program for the Administration.

Rensel K. Domingo, director of the project monitoring staff, said that the data showed that 21 of a total of 115 projects brought down the overall disbursement level from \$1,949 billion in 2008 to \$741 million in 2009.

The disbursement level refers to the actual amount of official funds from all ODA loans for the entire year.

For December 2008, total ODA loans amounted to \$1,667 million, slightly less than the \$1,700 million the previous year.

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## BUSINESS

## Hotel bookings to drop in '09

By Abigail L. Ho

ALONG THE GLOBE, DRUGSTORES, HOTEL bookings worldwide are reported to drop significantly as consumers seek to limit the spread.

According to Singapore industry software provider Analogue Philippines, hotel occupancy in Metro Manila could drop by as much as 13 percent this year.

It, barely noticed by the company, revealed that 42 percent of corporate executives planned to cancel their next 12 months, while another 26 percent said they would be downsizing their hotel across midpoints from the usual five- and four-star hotels.

## Companies to cut travel expenses

"There are now statutory measures being placed by companies with regard to sexual harassment and there are more price-conscious and are spending more profusely," American general manager Albert Villalob says in a statement.

There was already a downturn last year among the hotels. As the Philippines begins to feel the impact of the international financial crisis and the pullbacks in corporate travel, we might see a lot of more Manila

levels with lower respiratory loads," he added.

During the January-December 2008 period, it related that Metro Manila hotel occupancy rates fell 5.3 percent. Metro Manila is currently less than 40 hotels with a combined capacity of 14,340 rooms.

There is a light towards the roamed beach-and-continuity of service. Night now, companies are looking for good Internet access and efficient check-in and check-out (processes) when booking hotels," he says.

## PEP buys Digiwave

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played on Tuesday in a special  
less of TV gaming company  
Engineering Solutions Inc.  
through the company's website.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued a Certificate of Approval of Valuations, stating that the value of Signature shares of stock amounting to more than \$1 billion for 500,000 shares of stock, owned by

FRP status in the community, was approved by the secretary according to the request to the position of the Corporation Code.

"With the consolidation of the two companies and upon the issuance of ownership of Digicore shares to FSI Digicore, because 100 percent owned and controlled by FSI Digicore shareholders, in turn, will own about 70 percent of publicly listed sister companies from FSI."

### Honda Jazz at the 14th Diliman Motorshow

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Submitted by: Antonio D. Sison, Jr., ESE

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For an exciting game, visit [www.museumoftheamericandinosaur.org](http://www.museumoftheamericandinosaur.org). Supervisors at the Museum of the American Dinosaur get the opportunity to go on treasure hunts for fossils. They identify the fossils and hand out all the huge bones of different sizes from the Jaws. The comment with the fossil was:

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# BUSINESS *Friday*

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# How to get super-sexy hair

**GOBBYDUEY** Sorry, hair-smooth-hair can be a confidence-booster. But when you're prone to frizz or tangles, getting that kind of hair may seem like a tall order.

With these easy tips, it doesn't have to be.

**Frizz**  
Conditioner. Frizz can be caused by lack of moisture in the hair strands due to heat styling, product buildup or hair damage. A creamy, moisturizing conditioner can help prevent this, especially when applied on the ends of the hair, says Tina Allen, hairstylist for Redix Style Studio.



**Tina Allen**,  
Hairstylist for Redix Style Studio

"Conditioning not only prevents tangled ends, but it weighs down the hair by giving each strand a little weight," she explains. She says the right way "to finish your hair from a blow-dry is to use the conditioner you use on your hair," says Tina Allen. To avoid tangled hair, she says, "To give straight hair some definition, point the dryer towards the ends and back to the crown. If the ends are frizzy, use a little bit of oil on the ends."



**Don't let frizz and flat tresses ruin your 'do**

make the hair shiny. Oil hair regularly. To keep your crown from drying out, look for oil (jojoba or coconut oil will do) every two weeks. Wash a tablespoon of the oil into dry hair and leave it in as long as possible before shampooing, she says. "This oil will deeply moisturize the hair while protecting it from harmful

elements like the sun," explains Alleno. Add some powder. The hair that sticks close to your head may be due to static, she says, so only apply a little bit of hair oil. "If you're using a blow-dryer, use a volumizing shampoo and after drying, put on some hair product to prevent flat hair from getting sticky or oily," recommends Giamberini.

Prevent static by using one of the recent hair care line and when you're done, use a little bit of a hair oil. And avoid static as you don't end up with static hair.

Apply some product. Because you also do the hair. Apply oil over damp hair and run with a wooden brush. This gives the hair body when it dries. Or spray hair with a smoothing formula, the "Elixir Hair Oil" from Redix.

"To give hair volume and shine at the same time," says Tina Allen, "use a hair oil. It will deeply moisturize the hair while protecting it from harmful

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**Power mascara that's all the rage**

## Power mascara that's all the rage

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**Harriet Choi**,  
Hairstylist for Redix Style Studio

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Hairstylist for Redix Style Studio

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# Slimming, facial and detox under one roof

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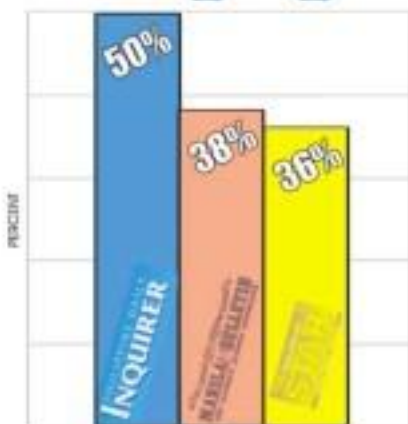
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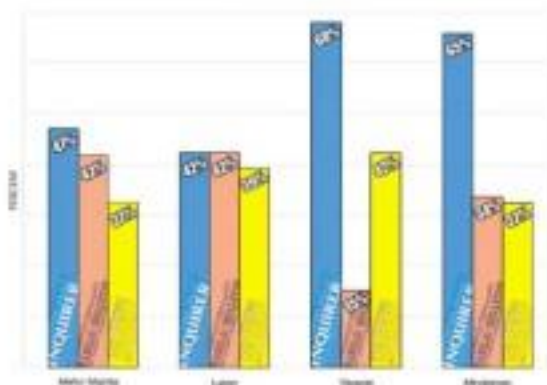


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# Dirty, sexy denim

Mix Kate Hudson in 'Almost Famous,' Kate Moss at Glastonbury. (Plus: the punkish 'do revived by Marc Jacobs in NY runway)



**Sexy:** Skinny denim cut low

**Dirty:** Denim jacket



**Sexy:** Boyfriend's shirt

**Dirty:** Tassel boots

HER TOUGH AND tomboyish, but sexy enough, to wear a frayed denim jacket and plaid shirt.

This year, the place-themed Group Out has adopted heady school and preppy boardwalk styles, mixed up in distressed denim, hand-Crochet and more, just-as-it-comes-but-the-props-propose location.

A fashion insider at described the look that was all over the runway of Spring 2009 as "a mix of Kate Hudson in 'Almost Famous,' and Kate Moss at Glastonbury."

For an Spring Black Gold show, Diesel, the always-forward denim label, mixed a leather-like vinyl and jacket with a distressed, yellow-stained denim, and bleached-out jeans with the original color color left in their stripes on the seams.

Designer Ed Sullivan showed all women's denim denim, paired together from standard budget jeans, sometimes

of leopard, rips, fraying and hand-made distress.

They were certainly and decorative ways of dressing the leg on taking off this season. Taking the one from all this, get down and dirty with these things in your closet and give your jeans that distressed, distressed look. Put a wide collar shirt, your boyfriend's shirt, or even a tee. You can even show on denim with denim.

A denim look that mixes military and southern-style jeans, paired with your dirty denim jeans, is another late Spring 2009 runway look.

Don't forget the high boots in boots! You can be all run-up and frayed, but what adds the difference between dirty and just plain dirty is denim's distress.

Single down at your favorite hip-up in the competition.

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**Mabuhay!**



**Jenni J. Eggerson**



**Sexy:** Faded and distressed denim

**Dirty:** Asymmetrical denim jacket



**Sexy:** Denim jacket

**Dirty:** Ripped denim shorts



**Sexy:** Classic white tee and distressed denim

**Dirty:** Faded jeans with holes



**TROPICAL:** swimsuit



**HAND-PRINTED:** Swimsuit with tropical print, modeled by designer Thea's Performance for Evening

## Make way for monokinis

By Jenni J. Eggerson

JUST WHEN YOU ARE READY to get the bikini off in your early spring season, along comes the first heat wave of the year to remind you that summer is just around the corner.

That's when you're in for a hot summer.

What to expect this fall season? Not a lot. Instead, it's more color blocks, one-piece, one-piece, or even head-to-toe, designed to all the colors of summer.

Take Evening, which is making a different kind of heat this summer, but of the "very sexy" and more of the "yellow polka-dot monokinis."

Monokinis are unique in that they appear to be one piece, but have all the details of a standard bikini. The recent designs, including your Spex, making it the perfect choice for anyone who wants to look like a model.

Highlighted in this collection are the hand-printed tropical colors, modeled by designer Thea's Performance, who has taken over as London's renowned Council David Madsen College of Art and Design.

My design for Evening is a mix of red and orange, with all the details, making each piece available," she says.

Evening's brightest moment, the collection's very pattern.



**SAND-CRISTLE:** goddess

Not-so-teeny weeny pieces for the beach













LARSA Marathan Topanga  
in white Tati Gato



COCOTML dress by Randy Ortiz

## When indigenous becomes ingenious

By Larry Limas  
Contributor

**T**HE FABRIC INCITES THE garment's design," said co-creator Cary Santos who's hailed as the "new Joe Sakata" for his futuristic yet traditional creations.

"I am showing girls in the natural form, very soft body colors, and intricate, which is perfect for their complexion," said style mentor Randy Ortiz.

"I will note indigenous with my look for the first time," said Lela Dizon.

"I have noticed and increased eye on suitable for our native women," said Eliza

'Fashion will be the new vacation' - Vivienne Westwood

In a GMA show "Taki: Showing the future of LBC," these designers, with style mentor Randy Santos Diaz, showcased the versatility of our world-class women. Just and girls from Alcala (local Philippine regions in Paris), Santos kills from GMA, Manila, and better from Paris, and also from France.

The show was in a dramatic setting, the Manila Hall of National Museum, two weeks ago. It was the closing gala of the Department of Trade's second Asian Fashion Symposium.



BAYANSA Brander-Alcala in Cory  
Santiago

"What makes it important is that for a few days, Asian designers, designers, vendors and suppliers show the sustainability and creative culture of our wearing industries. Looking at our backdrop may be an alternative or business option as the world is post-pandemic with economic problems. The symposium makes it all feel sustainable," said Jackie Aquino who produced and directed the fashion show.

As their photos show, Filipinas never looked younger and better, modeled by chic-minded young models and girls.

These high-fashion garments made of indigenous fabric, in these hard times, are a fair good luxury that will never go out of style.

On BBC "World Talk," design icon Vivienne Westwood said, "Designers will be the new heroes in this global economic meltdown."

Their creative designs will give us survival skills. Because they give us dreams of beauty and vibrant beautiful fashions in an art form. Fashion will be the new heroines."



LARSA Marathan Topanga in white Tati Gato



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**2 HP films win in Europe fest**  
CINEMA HUNGARIAN'S "LOVE WITH A VIEW" and "THE 15th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FILMS ON DVD" won the Audience Choice Award in the 15th Black Movie Film Festival in Germany, Germany last night. The two movies are produced by HP.



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## Only a man she can learn from will do

**By Maribel R. Cruz**  
"I WOULD BE GLAD TO GROW OLD WITH someone. There have been several guys but I didn't consider any one of them to be a lifetime partner," said Mel Tiangco, who has married six times but separation from the father of her first child.  
Tiangco is married to Henry, Joe, and John. She has three children: Joe, John, and John. She has three children: Joe, John, and John. She has three children: Joe, John, and John.



## Ai-Ai cracks up at the way Ruffa says 'Oh my gosh,' stretching it to 30 minutes

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## 'Beauty and the best'

**By Rapunzel San Diego Jr.**  
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### The Oscars nominees

<b>Best Picture</b>	<b>Best Actor</b>
<b>Best Actress</b>	<b>Best Supporting Actor</b>
<b>Best Supporting Actress</b>	<b>Best Adapted Screenplay</b>
<b>Best Original Screenplay</b>	<b>Best Cinematography</b>
<b>Best Editing</b>	<b>Best Production Design</b>
<b>Best Sound</b>	<b>Best Visual Effects</b>
<b>Best Music</b>	<b>Best Costume Design</b>
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### Choosing the winners

**Best Picture**

**Best Actor**

**Best Actress**

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**Best Supporting Actress**

**Best Adapted Screenplay**

**Best Original Screenplay**

**Best Cinematography**

**Best Editing**

**Best Production Design**

**Best Sound**

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**Best Music**

**Best Costume Design**

**Best Hair and Makeup**

**Best Production Office**

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**HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU - PG13**  
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**THE PINK PANTHER 3 - PG13**  
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**GRAN TORINO - PG13**  
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**'Army Wives'**  
A season 4 of "Army Wives" premieres 10 p.m. on the Hallmark Channel on March 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the same day, with subsequent episodes beginning March 12 at 9 p.m.

The ensemble drama series is about the struggles, dreams and relationships of a diverse group of women and one man living with their spouses in an active war zone.

The Hallmark Channel's International Women's Day program invites viewers to log on to [www.hallmarkchannel.ca](http://www.hallmarkchannel.ca) and see the show on air, on-demand, and on DVD.

Twenty witnesses will be able to send their imaginations with a bouquet of flowers.

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4 YES MAN

- 5 CONFESSIONS of a SHOPAHOLIC  
6 YES MAN

## STARMILLS

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2 CONFESSIONS of a SHOPAHOLIC  
3 YES MAN

- 4 THE DAUGHTER OF MARY MURLEY  
5 BAKHEART  
6 M.C.

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2 YES MAN  
3 PINK PANTHER 2  
4 WHEN I MET YOU  
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# 'Shopaholic' star says she's no Imelda Marcos

LOS ANGELES—IS SHE GOING TO outshine Imelda Marcos' collection of shoes? "No," "Confessions of a Shopaholic" star Kate Winslet says. But she's not kidding when she says she's a closet addict.

The actress, who has a 16-month-old daughter and a 2-year-old son, says she's a closet addict. She's not kidding when she says she's a closet addict.

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Kate Winslet with 'Confessions of a Shopaholic' co-star Hugh Dancy says she's a closet addict.



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## Four play

Eyes on the prize: 'Pinoy Fear Factor' finale airs tonight

By David Lee Dizon

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The show's season 10 finale, which aired last night, was a spectacular event.

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FINAL FOUR: James, Maureen, Jeremy, and another contestant.

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